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(SUMMARY: EGYPT IS STILL HOPEFUL THAT THE "DISENGAGEMENT" TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS WILL LEAD TO AN EFFECTIVE INTERIM AGREEMENT. ISRAEL HAS STATED A WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW ALL ISRAELI TROOPS TO A LINE EAST OF THE SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES BUT IN RETURN CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT EGYPT UNILATERALLY REDUCE THE ARMOR OF EGYPTIAN FORCES LEFT IN THE SINAI. EGYPT BELIEVES THAT ANY ARMOR REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE MUTUAL. TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO

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RESUME 29 NOVEMBER.)

1. AS OF 28 NOVEMBER, THE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS AT KILOMETER 101 ON THE CAIRO-SUEZ APPEARED TO THE EGYPTIAN PARTY BOTH ENCOURAGING AND DISCOURAGING. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE FOCUSED ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS AND COUNTER-PROPOSALS WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT YET CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE CALLED EVEN A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, ARE NEVERTHELESS SPECIFIC AND SERIOUS; ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, THE EGYPTIANS STILL HAVE AN UNEASY FEELING THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE STALLING AND WILL ULTIMATELY PROVE TO HAVE BEEN INSINCERE. FOR THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, THE EGYPTIANS ARE WILLING, EVEN ANXIOUS, TO PURSUE THESE DISCUSSIONS TOWARD AN EQUITABLE DISENGAGEMENT AND, MEANWHILE, PREPARED TO SUBORDINATE INSISTENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE SIX POINT AGREEMENT CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES TO THE OCTOBER 22 LINES.

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS AND COUNTER-
PROPOSALS PUT FORTH BY THE TWO SIDES IN THEIR RECENT SERIES OF
MEETINGS:

A. WHEN THE ISRAELIS STILL REFUSED 22 NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS THE
SECOND POINT OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, I.E. WITHDRAWAL TO 22
OCTOBER LINES, MAJ. GEN. Y A R I V, THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE, SAID
THAT THE SO-CALLED "22 OCTOBER LINES" WOULD BE MILITARILY INDEFENS-
IBLE. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT ISRAEL HAD 18 ARMY BRIGADES IN THE
SINAI AND SIX MORE BRIGADES ON THE SYRIAN FRONT. HE STATED THAT THESE
FORCES WERE JUST SITTING AROUND AND BEING WASTED, INSTEAD OF BEING AT
LEAST PARTIALLY DEMOBILIZED TO RETURN TO THEIR CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS.
WOULD EGYPT CONSIDER A FORMULA WHEREBY ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW ALL ITS
FORCES FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL TO A LINE ABOUT SIX MILES
EAST OF THE SUEZ CANAL WHILE EGYPT WITHDRAWS ALL BUT A FEW MILITARY
UNITS (STRENGTH OF WHICH TO BE NEGOTIATED) FROM THE EAST BANK OF THE
CANAL TO THE WEST BANK?

B. EGYPT, AT THE NEXT MEETING, RESPONDED THAT THE ISRAELI-
SUGGESTED LINES IN SINAI WERE TOO CLOSE TO THE CANAL IN ANY EVENT,
EGYPT COULD NOT CONSIDER LEAVING TOKEN FORCES ONLY ON THE EAST BANK.

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THE ISRAELIS THEN PROPOSED THAT THE ISRAELI FORCES IN THE SINAI BE MOVED FURTHER EAST OF THE CANAL, ON A NORTH-SOUTH LINE THAT WAS JUST WEST RPT WEST OF THE MITLA AND OTHER SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES. THE ISRAELIS FURTHER PROPOSED A MORE MODERATE REDUCTION OF THE EGYPTIAN FORCES IN THE SINAI BUT ADDITIONALLY STIPULATED THE REMAINING EGYPTIAN FORCES WOULD HAVE TO REMOVE ALL ARMOR AND ARTILLERY TO THE WEST BANK OF THE CANAL.

C. AT THE NEXT CONTACT, THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING SO-CALLED CONCESSION: ALL EGYPTIAN FORCES NOW IN THE SINAI COULD REMAIN IN THE SINAI BUT THESE FORCES WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE SHARPLY THEIR ARMOR AND ARTILLERY HOLDINGS. THE EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE REPLIED THAT IF EGYPTIAN FORCES IN THE SINAI WERE TO HAVE NO ARMOR OR ARTILLERY, THEN ISRAELI FORCES IN THE SINAI SHOULD NOT HAVE SUCH EQUIPMENT EITHER. IN OTHER WORDS, BOTH SIDES SHOULD EITHER KEEP ALL TROOPS WITH ARMOR IN THE SINAI OR BOTH SIDES SHOULD MUTUALLY REDUCE OR TOTALLY WITHDRAW THEIR ARMOR.

D. AT THE END OF THE SESSION 26 NOVEMBER (THE LAST MEETING TO DATE) THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS: THE ISRAELIS WERE STILL PRESSING FOR UNILATERAL EGYPTIAN REDUCTION OF ARMOR AND ARTILLERY IN THE SINAI AND, IN RETURN, HAD OFFERED FOR THE FIRST TIME

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TO MOVE ISRAELI FORCES EAST RPT EAST OF THE SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES,
THE EGYPTIANS LEFT THREE QUESTIONS WITH THE ISRAELIS: HOW FAR EAST IN
THE SINAI DO THE ISRAELIS PROPOSE TO WITHDRAW? WHAT WOULD BE THE
DISPOSITION OF ISRAELI TROOPS AND ARMOR ON THEIR FRONT LINE? WHERE
IN THE SINAI WOULD THE MAIN BODY OF ISRAELI TROOPS BE LOCATED AND WHAT
WOULD BE THEIR INVENTORY OF HEAVY ARMS?

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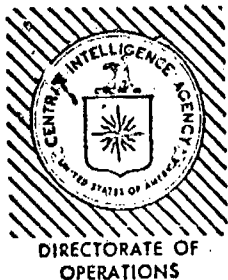
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1. THE MEETING 29 NOVEMBER AT KILOMETER 101 ON THE CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT ACHIEVE ANY PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. EGYPT HAD EXPECTED ANSWERS FROM THE ISRAELIS TO QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE LAST MEETING 26 NOVEMBER. CONCERNING HOW FAR EAST OF THE SINAI MOUNTAIN PASSES THE ISRAELIS WERE PREPARED TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES AND THE SIZE, DISPOSITION, AND ARMOR COMPLEMENT FOR BOTH THE

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FRONT LINE AND MAIN BODY OF THE ISRAELI FORCES. THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS NOR DID HE PRESENT ANY NEW PROPOSALS. THE EGYPTIAN REPRESENTATIVE THEREFORE REPEATED THE LATEST EGYPTIAN POSITION, WHICH HAD BEEN STATED TO THE ISRAELIS AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING. FORCES OF BOTH SIDES IN THE SINAI SHOULD EITHER BE PERMITTED TO HAVE ALL THEIR ARMOR AND ARTILLERY OR BOTH SIDES SHOULD MUTUALLY REDUCE OR TOTALLY WITHDRAW ALL ARMOR AND ARTILLERY FROM THE SINAI. THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE SAID NEITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES WAS ACCEPTABLE. THE SESSION ENDED ON THIS NOTE, WITH AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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4. THE MEETING 29 NOVEMBER WAS DELAYED TWICE. THE FIRST INTERRUPTION OCCURRED JUST AS THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE ARRIVING AT THE SITE -- A FIRE FIGHT, STARTED BY THE ISRAELIS, BROKE OUT IN THE VICINITY. THE SECOND INTERRUPTION OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING WHEN THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES WENT OUTSIDE THE TENT FOR A PRIVATE CEREMONY. (INFORMANT COMMENT: THE CEREMONY WAS APPARENTLY TO COMMEMORATE ISRAELI WAR DEAD; TODAY MAY HAVE BEEN THE ISRAELI EQUIVALENT OF THE EGYPTIAN 'MARTYRS DAY'.)

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